Food grains purchased in the years 1117 and 1118.

23. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the food grains purchased in the years 1117 and 1118 have been sold away ;

(*b*) whether any stock purchased in these years is still left undisposed of and if so, the quantity in tons of each variety of food grains ; and

(*c*) the amount realised by the sale of food grains in 1117 and 1118 ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In view of the answer to (*a*) this question does not arise.

(*c*) 1117 M. E. Rs. 1.40 lakhs.
1118 M. E. Rs. 159.30 lakhs.

Purchase of food grains.

24. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to state the amount of money invested in 1118 and in 1119 in the purchase of food grains from outside Travancore ;

(*b*) to lay on the table a certified statement of accounts of purchase and sale of food grains for 1118 and 1119 ;

(*c*) to give the quantity of each of the food grains—rice, wheat, bajra, maize and others— purchased in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*d*) to give the quantities of the above grains sold in 1118 and 1119 ; and

(*e*) the sale price fixed for each of these from time to time ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR :

(*a*)

Year.	*Amount invested in Lakhs of Rupees*
1118	336·93
1119	911·75

(*b*) The accounts are under preparation.

(*c*) A statement showing the quantities of food grains purchased during 1118 and 1119 is furnished below :

Name of grain.	*Quantity imported in :*	
	1118 M. E.	*1119 M. E.*
	Bags.	*Bags.*
Rice	8,13,909	11,20,020
Wheat	1,31,619	10,11,200
Millets	1,04,503	2,15,985
Wheat Products	13,095	86,400
Gram & Gram Products	53,538	29,953
Maize and Maize Samp	7,243	1,40,635
Other grains	20,785	43,669
Barley	...	25,051

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[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

(*d*) The quantities of principal food grains sold during 1118 and 1119 are shown below :

Commodity	*Quantity issued (in bags) in:*	
	1118 M. E.	*1119 M. E.*
Rice	5,07,525	13,09,612
Wheat	59,829	7,33,605
Bajra	8,338	1,88,297
Maize	...	46,066

(*e*) The information is furnished below :

Price of Rice.

162 lbs nett	B. Rs.	15-0-0	1-1-1118 to 14-1-1118
		16-0-0	15-1-1118 ,, 2-4-1118
		17-12-0	3-4-1118 ,, 23-4-1118
		18-8-0	24-4-1118 ,, 17-5-1118
		19-8-0	18-5-1118 ,, 10-6-1118
156 lbs. nett		19-8-0	11-6-1118 ,, 31-10-1118
		25-0-0	1-11-1118 ,, 11-2-1119
160 lbs. nett		28-0-0	12-2-1119 ,, 29-4-1119
		29-0-0	1-5-1119 ,, 27-9-1119
		28-0-0	28-9-1119 ,, 6-10-1120
		27-8-0	7-10-1120 ,, 12-11-1120
		26-8-0	13-11-1120

Price of Wheat.

220 lbs. nett	B. Rs	42-8-0	28-7-1943 to 9-11-1943
		40-0-0	10-11-1943 ,, 10-3-1944
		38-0-0	11-3-1944 ,, 9-5-1944
		35-0-0	10-5-1944 ,, 7-10-1944
		32-0-0	8-10-1944 ,, 25-10-1944
		30-0-0	26-10-1944 ,, 19-5-1945
		29-8-0	20-5-1945

Price of Maize.

203 lbs. nett	B. Rs.	28-0-0	13-9-1943 to 9-5-1944
		26-0-0	10-5-1944

Price of Barley.

156 lbs. nett	B. Rs.	21-8-0	From June 1943

Jowar, Gram-dhal and Barley.

25. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of bags of Jowar, gram-dhal, and barley now in Travancore godowns ;

(*b*) whether they have ever been rationed ;

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